

ORCHARD PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our grade 8 students will be raising funds for their year-end trip. They will send out flyers but would like you to help by starting to save your pop cans. They have some great suggestions for your Christmas gifts- steeped tea and chocolate will be available the end of November.

Our School Council has selected Hewitts as our fall fundraiser. Orders we be for delivered before Christmas. All orders are due on November 20th and are to be picked up on December 11th. With 2 months gone that means we are one fifth of the way through the school year already! Parent-Teacher meeting notes went home. Please set up a time to discuss the progress of your child. Interviews are a great means of hearing the wonderful things that your child is learning. We do ask that every parent contact the teacher either by an interview or phone. Our school goal is to increase parent participation and communication. If you have ideas or suggestions please let us know.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY



Tuesday, November 11, 2014. Students are encouraged to wear their uniforms to this assembly if they are in air cadets, boy scouts and girl guides etc. All other students are encouraged to wear red shirts. Students will earn house points for wearing uniforms or red.

GRADE 8 INFORMATION NIGHTS

The 1st grade 8 information night on Wednesday, October 29th, was a great success. More information will follow for the next scheduled meeting and fundraisers.

VOLUNTEER POLICY

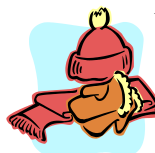
If you are interested in volunteering at our school please contact the office for details. It's free to register!!! Also, the yearly declaration form has been sent out to our present volunteers. If you have not signed and returned this form

please call the office. Negligence in signing before November 15th will result in loss of volunteer privileges.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next school council meeting will be held in the Library on Monday, November 3rd at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

WEATHER CHANGES & STUDENT CLOTHING



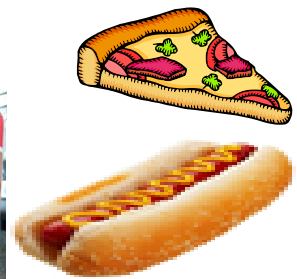
Pull out the boots and warm coats, our lovely summer days have come to an end.

Because of the cold/wet weather we ask that you send a spare set of clothing including mitts & hats to school and ensure they are clearly marked with the student's name!

WINTER WEATHER

It is important that all parents are aware of the following information regarding inclement weather. The policy of The Simcoe County Board of Education states that: Every reasonable effort will be made by school staff to keep schools open each day regardless of weather conditions, for those students who are able to attend. It is the responsibility of the parents to decide whether or not it is safe for a student to leave for school under severe weather conditions, as well as at other times, and that in cases where school buses or vehicles have been cancelled, the students normally riding buses should not be sent or taken to school. In cases of cancellations, the local radio station will broadcast a report of the cancellation with necessary details. Since our school is located in the city and almost every student is within walking distance, it is only in extreme circumstances that our school would be closed during the regular day. Parents are reminded, however, that it is their decision whether or not it is

safe for their child to leave for school under severe weather conditions. Information regarding where children should be sent in the event of an emergency closing was obtained from parents in September. Should any of those arrangements be changed, please contact the school.



DECEMBER FOOD ORDERS DUE BACK

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER
19th**

Orders can be done online

BUS CANCELLATION INFORMATION IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

Fall weather has certainly arrived, which means winter is just around the corner in Simcoe County. With it comes the possibility of severe inclement weather conditions, challenging winter driving conditions and, as a result, possible bus and school event cancellations.

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's bus information website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Our school is in the North Zone. When buses are cancelled, please remember that schools are still open (unless otherwise noted) for student learning.

When buses are cancelled, all schedule school trips will also be cancelled.

The Consortium, in conjunction with bus operators, will make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and as such, will make every effort to post announcements between 6 and 7 a.m. Parents should also note that inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day.



ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

We understand that sometimes it is necessary for medication to be administered at school during school hours. It is mandatory that an Administration of Medication Form, Form A1420 be completed and signed by a physician before any medication can be administered. This includes all medication including prescription and over-the-counter (i.e. Advil). This form can be downloaded and printed from our school website <http://ore.scdsb.on.ca> and are also available in our main office.

LOST & FOUND

Please take a moment the next time you are in the school to check our lost and found for missing clothing or other items. We will hold the items until after Parent/Teacher Interviews and then will donate remaining clothing.

IMPORTANT NOVEMBER DATES!!!

October 29	Grade 8 Information
October 31	Intermediate Hallowe'en Dance (1:50-3pm)
October 31	Orange & Black Day (REPLACEMENT OF COSTUMES) – All Grades
November 3	School Council Meeting, 6:30pm in the Library (All Are Welcome!!!)
November 4	Picture Retake Day
November 5	Grade 8 Day to TLSS
November 7	Progress Reports Go Home
November 11	Remembrance Day Assembly 11:30am
November 13 & 14	Parent Teacher Interviews
November 14	PA Day
November 17-23	Bully Awareness and Prevention Week
November 19	December Food Orders Are Due
November 20	Hewitt's Fundraiser Due
December 11	Hewitt's to be Picked Up

Orchard Park Assemblies and Spirit Days

Most months we hold one assembly to recognize student achievements and to encourage school spirit. Along with attending the assembly, students are encouraged to dress up in the theme of the day. Those dressed for the theme will earn house points and gr. 6-8 students will earn credit towards their activity points.

Thank you to all who participated in our 2nd QSP Magazine Fundraiser. Once again it was a great success!!!!



Orchard Park E.S.-Student Council 2014/15

In September, classes from gr. 4-8 held class votes to elect a class rep for student council. In the intermediate division **elections were not just for class rep, but for presidents of the student council. Many students worked very hard on their speeches, posters and campaigns. All nominees that ran for election should be recognized for offering to serve their fellow students.**

Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their peers to serve on student council:

JUNIOR

Kai B. Cole G. Mia G. Cynthia P. Mackenzie C. Carter M.

INTERMEDIATE

Blue House

Gr. 7 – Amber C.

Gr. 8 – Abby C.

Green House

Gr. 7 – Korrie B.

Gr. 8 – Jeremy L.

Red House

Gr. 7 – Abby F.

Gr. 8 – McKenna V.

Yellow House

Gr. 7 – Alyssa M.

Gr. 8 – Heidi P.

BOOK FAIR

Thanks to the support of our school community, we had a very successful book fair. The library will be able to purchase several hundred dollars' worth of books and programs. Thank-you very much to all our parents/guardians and students.

OCTOBER FOOD DRIVE 20TH - 24TH

Often the food banks are very short of food following major holidays. The student council will be running a food drive during the week of October 20-24. Students may bring a non-perishable food item to school on any day during that week. After announcements, students will bring their donations to the library and student council members will collect the food. Each student that brings in an item will receive house points and gr. 6-8 students will receive credit towards their activity points. At the end of the week we will donate all collected food to a local food bank. Thanks to the junior members of our student council for helping out our local community.

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM (ISE)

ISE Ontario would like to invite interested students and parents to an information meeting night, to learn about exciting exchange opportunities for grades 7 & 8 students. ISE Ontario has a formal agreement with the Simcoe County District School Board to offer exchanges to students within the board. Please choose the evening best suited to your schedule and RSVP with the choice of evening to Aubrey Hawton, Simcoe Region Program Manager: aubreyhawton@iseontario.on.ca

The general information Meeting will take place Thursday, November 13, 2014 at the Penetanguishene Public Library, 24 Simcoe St., Penetanguishene, ON 6:30 – 7:45 PM

DON'T FORGET!!!!!!

***CHANGE THE CLOCKS BACK
ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT***

NOVEMBER 1ST

